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## RETAIN BIG ARMY

### Work of Demobilization Accomplished in Six Months

Gen. March, chief-of-staff, discussing army demobilization plans with the senate military committee, stated that shipping arrangements have been made by which 300,000 men may be transported home monthly and that all of the American expeditionary force can be returned home and demobilized within six months.

How many Americans will be held abroad in the army of occupation is to be determined by President Wilson, Gen. March stated. Ten divisions, he indicated, has been suggested, but more Americans have been designated for return home than originally proposed by Marshal Foch.

There are still about 785,000 men in camp in the United States and all will be demobilized within a month from today except those retained for "overhead" duty, Gen. March added. Up to noon last Saturday, he said, 104,000 arrived from overseas.

In connection with demobilization plans, Gen. March stated that under present plans retention of an American standing army of 500,000 is proposed.

We don't ever expect to reduce below 500,000 men "if we can help it," he told the committee.

## Fatherless Children

The war has been a great classifier of people. It has shown up the calibre as nothing else could. It is easy to distinguish those of enlarged and broadened sympathies from the class of narrow vision, who justify themselves in not responding to any call, by some criticism of the government or something that hasn't been managed to suit their individual tastes.

It has been a great source of satisfaction to see how warmly and sympathetically the people of our county have responded to the call to help humanity, particularly when this call followed the continuous demands that had been made on us during the period of the war. Carroll county has now adopted eighty-three orphans, and the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. L. King, sent off last week to headquarters a check to the amount of \$1,064.62, our first quarterly remittance. Some have not yet reported the amounts on adoptions which have been made. When the flu epidemic has subsided and schools are normal, we should have no trouble in securing our full quota of one hundred.

We appreciate the fact that much sentiment and sympathy still exist when such letters are received by the committee as last week.

In one the woman says "Please select the following date —, as we wish to adopt an orphan in commemoration of the little boy we lost." Miss Alice Stewart, of Atwood, writes "Enclosed find check for \$36.50; I have no preference as to a boy or girl, I only wish to help as I know it is needed." The people of Long Rock did not wait to be asked to help, but because of their own interest went to work, and Miss Vinnie Nesbitt brought in \$73 on Saturday for them—the full amount for two orphans—and she reported the third adopted. Mrs. John G. Holmes has been a live chairman for Trezevant and has reported fourteen adoptions and collections in only two or three weeks' time.

In a letter from Mrs. Waterfield she says: "Please tell your subscribers, through the papers, that they should write to their orphans as quickly as possible, the money can't get to them under two months, owing to the carefulness and red tape with which the French government is overseeing the matter for us. They vouch, and revouch about each adoption until it is a very accurate matter. But they may tell the orphans of their adoption, and can thus get into correspondence with them real soon."

## FLU'S DEADLY WORK

### Wife and Father Die in a Day of Each Other

Mrs. Ruby Capps, wife of Elbert Capps, of the Christmasset community, died last Friday of flu, followed by pneumonia. She was about 25 years old and is survived by her husband and two children.

C. P. Capps, father of Elbert Capps, who lived near Greenfield, came to his son's home during Mrs. Capps' illness to assist in caring for the sick, as the entire family was down with influenza. The elder Capps was taken back sick at once and died Saturday, one day after the death of his daughter-in-law, whom he came to assist in nursing. The deceased was 55 years old, and leaves his wife and two children.

The burial occurred at Pilgrims Rest, Rev. Coleman Moore conducting the services. The bereaved have the sympathy of a host of friends.

## Three Days in Paris

All American officers and soldiers will get a chance to see Paris on a leave of absence of three days before sailing homeward, according to General Order 14 issued from American General Headquarters on January 18. American soldiers of Italian, French, Belgian, and British extraction will have an opportunity to visit their former homes or relatives before returning to the United States.

## IN FRENCH HOSPITALS

### The Number is Large, but Steadily Decreasing

An official report from Gen. Pershing made public by the war department shows that on January 9 there were 105,753 men of the American army in hospitals in France and England, of whom 72,642 were suffering from disease and 33,111 from wounds or other injuries.

The report said that the number of hospital cases is steadily decreasing, there having been a reduction of more than 15,000 since the previous week. Deaths during the week preceding that covered by the report numbered 561, of whom 280 died of disease and 281 of wounds received before the armistice was signed.

A complete and carefully checked list of men still in the hospitals in France and England who were wounded before hostilities ceased is now on its way by courier to the United States. It will furnish definite information as to the injuries suffered by each man.

"In the meantime the war department is engaged upon a check of the original records sent for the purpose from France, in order to report both to the families and to the public, as a matter of record and appreciation, the men who have received (and recovered from) wounds.

## Guard W. S. S.

To protect holders of war savings certificates against loss through offers of persons or firms to purchase them at amounts less than their current redemption value. Secretary Glass has directed postmasters not to redeem certificates which do not bear the name of the owner or on which the name has been erased or changed, and not to accept certificates presented by persons or firms "known to be buying, or publicly offering to buy war savings certificates or stamps from the owners unless positive evidence is submitted that the certificates were originally issued to the persons or firms presenting them for payment."

In announcing the new order Secretary Glass again urged the public to hold their saving stamps, or if forced to dispose of them, to have them redeemed at the nearest postoffice.

On last Monday evening a number of the members of the Huntingdon Golf Club met at the parlors of Hotel Olive for the purpose of giving a surprise reception in honor of the 71st birthday of their president, Esq. L. A. Hurt. Mr. Hurt was invited down and several hours were spent at cards, after which a light course of refreshments were served.

## ADVICE TO FARMERS

### Return to Sound Farm Practices Coming Season

Farmers of the United States are urged by the department of agriculture to return to sound farm practice in the coming season, abandoning certain emergency measures adopted during the war, so as to assure ample supplies of all kinds for this country and Europe.

No cause for alarm as to the ability of American agriculture to maintain its position in world trade during the period of readjustment is foreseen by the department, which declared that a considerable demand from European countries for foodstuffs was almost assured for a year or more.

The signing of the armistice found the United States with fairly large stocks of foods, but with smaller stocks of feeds. It was recommended that pasture lands plowed up for growing grain and other food crops should be reseeded to grass, and that regular and satisfactory rotation of crops be resumed.

## Mrs. O. W. Chandler

Mrs. Gracie Chandler, wife of O. W. Chandler, two and a half miles north of Huntingdon, died last Monday morning. The cause of the death was influenza and pneumonia. The deceased was about 32 years old, a member of the Baptist church, and a most excellent christian woman. She is survived by her husband and two little girls. The burial occurred at the McAdoo graveyard, the funeral and burial services being conducted by Rev. E. H. Martin. At this writing Mr. Chandler, the husband, is very sick and not expected to live. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

## Interesting Contest

An interesting contest was held last Friday night between the sections of the Claxtonian Literary Society. The Jeffersonians carried off honors in debate, with Vernon Bonds and Miss Hallie Dority as representatives against Milburn Jolly and Ragan Collins; in music with Miss Edna Schmittou against Paul Shannon; in reading with Miss Flora Scarborough, and were also awarded the banner for the best team work. The Emersonians won in the essay contest with Miss Lorene Parish representative against Miss Charline Scarborough, and in declamation with Hobart Massey representative and no opponent.

## Pet Adams Dead

Mr. Pet Adams, one of the most prominent citizen of the Lavinia community, died last Sunday and was buried Monday at Lavinia.

vinia. Mr. Adams was about 78 years old, and is survived by several children. The deceased for many years was a member of the Carroll county court, and of the Carroll county democratic executive committee. He was a prominent Mason and an active church man, and always stood high in the estimation of those who knew him. He was a soldier in the confederate cause and lost an arm in battle. The burial was under the auspices of the Masonic order, assisted by old soldiers. He was a very useful man in his day, and the bereaved family have the sympathy of a host of friends.

## Hears from Son

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Chambers had a letter this week from their son, Robert Cleo Chambers, who is in France, and they had received no information since shortly after he landed overseas during September. They had made earnest effort to hear from him both through the war department and the Red Cross, but had failed to do so. The letter came Tuesday and brought rejoicing to the family and the young soldier's many friends here. He was doing well and wrote a very cheerful letter.

## M'KENZIE HAPPENINGS

### Many Items of Interest From Our Neighboring City

George Bouldin was in Huntingdon Sunday.

Neill Parks, of Gleason, was here Saturday.

Mrs. Ada Haynes spent the week end in Henry.

Gardner Carroll is up again, after an attack of flu.

Dr. H. T. Collier was a Memphis visitor this week.

Dr. J. B. Cox, of Huntingdon, was a Sunday visitor here.

J. W. Bateman was in Springville this week on business.

T. C. Cannon and Tom McLendon were in Paris Monday.

C. C. Costen is attending Grand Lodge at Nashville this week.

R. E. Pate is attending the Grand Lodge in Nashville this week.

Claud Ridings, of Buena Vista, is visiting relatives near here.

Jim Green, of Trezevant, was a business caller here this week.

Dr. Oscar Todd, of Atwood, spent Saturday here on business.

N. J. Trentham and wife, of Gleason, were in the city this week.

D. R. E. Lovelace, of Henry, was in the city this week on business.

Mrs. David Walpole is just recovering from a bad case of mumps.

Herbert Phelps left this week for Nashville, where he expects to go to work.

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## W. E. WOOLEN DEAD

### Former Carroll Countian Dies From Gas

William Elwood Woollen, 48 years of age, was found dead in his home, 1262 North Parkway, Memphis, Sunday morning about 10 o'clock. The body was discovered in the kitchen, lying on a cot. Asphyxiation was undoubtedly the cause. Death, according to Dr. E. C. Ham, who was called to the home of Mr. Woollen after the finding of the body, said that Mr. Woollen had been dead about five hours when he made the examination. As the physician arrived at 1 o'clock, this would fix the hour of death at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

Relatives of the dead man refused to make any statement whatever concerning the affair, despite the fact that rumors of suicide were rife in the neighborhood.

The only details learned, says the Commercial Appeal's account, were given by neighbors, who insisted that Mr. Woollen did not take his own life. His theory is that Mr. Woollen returned to his home some time during the early morning hours, went to the kitchen and lighted the gas stove to warm, there being no heat in the house; that Mr. Woollen then lay down on the cot and fell asleep; that the defective gas, of which so much complaint has been made of late, resulted in extinguishing the flame, and Mr. Woollen was asphyxiated by the gas flowing through the open jets of the stove.

Mrs. Woollen was not at home, but returned during the day and found her husband dead.

The deceased was born near McLeomorseville, but left when quite young. He was a member of a fine family. He is survived by his widow, two brothers, and two sisters. The burial occurred at Dyersburg, where he lived many years.

## Civic Pride

We hope to see the civic improvement club revived and re-energized for spring work. The citizens of the town should go down into their pockets, if necessary, and furnish the funds to enable the club to do its work in maintaining the parks and otherwise beautifying the town.

Huntingdon is not manifesting the civic pride that has heretofore characterized the town. We should bestir ourselves, mature plans for work and then see that the work is accomplished. The public should become interested in this matter and every individual should feel the obligation to do his or her part. Let's make Huntingdon the "Town Beautiful."

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF THE

## GRAND LEADER'S NEED THE MONEY SALE

Come on you people who have been hanging back, there's not much time left if you want to supply your needs with worth while fine merchandise for less than they're worth--and much less than you'll pay later on. Just as wide a variety of spotlessly clean merchandise to pick from as you ordinarily see at the average store when the season is young and the stocks referred to as "complete."

This Sale Closes Monday Don't Fail to Attend You'll have cause to regret if you don't.

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